

An Essay on  
*Bignonia Semperviens*  
Respectfully Submitted  
to the Faculty of the  
Homoeopathic Medical College  
of Pennsylvania  
on the  
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One thousand eight hundred & fifty two.  
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the leaves, are of a yellow color, and are  
shaped much like those of the ~~any~~  
Fox Glove.- ~~tiny~~

The tincture of this plant, was made from the flowers: by John H. Henry M.D. of Montgomery Alabama; and sent to Dr. C. Neidhard of this city; from whom I obtained it, and by whose advice I was induced to make this proving. Dr. H. does not state the mode he adopted in preparing the tincture, but merely states that it was prepared from the flowers.-

Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. During the last night, was I Joshua Stone; am twenty seven years of age; have black hair, light skin, am strictly temperate in my habits of life, using no intoxicating drinks of any kind, Coffee, Tea or Tobacco; eschewing them all entirely.- several hours later

I am subject to occasional attacks of indigestion, and suffer much from cold hands and feet. ~~as then~~  
Otherwise than this, I enjoy a very good degree of health, - ~~symptoms.~~

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Nov. 22<sup>d</sup>. During the last night, was much annoyed with unpleasant dreams. - ~~took 50 drops of tincture~~

During the day, dull aching pain in the occipital region; aggravated by movement - especially on bending the head downwards. - ~~all day~~

This pain was much increased towards evening.

Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> Experienced dull pains in the head and extremities.

These pains were as I have described them dull, aching, and were not severe.

Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> No symptoms.

At 10 o'clock I took ten drops of the tincture. - A M. Dull pain in the

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> No symptoms.

" 26<sup>th</sup> " which seem to be in the

" 27<sup>th</sup> " in the muscles. -

" 28<sup>th</sup> all day, particularly in the

" 29<sup>th</sup> " ..

At ten o'clock took 50 drops of tincture. -

Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> During the night was very restless and constantly dreaming, particularly after midnight over dull pain in bowels, which became quite severe towards morning. -

Pain of a similar character in the  
sacral and lower lumbar region.—  
Dull heavy pain in region of occiput.—  
Involuntary emission of semen <sup>by</sup>  
without an erection.—  
Urine much increased in quantity.—  
Ten o'clock A.M. Dull pain in the <sup>med</sup>  
humeral region, also in the lower <sup>extremities</sup>  
extremities, which seem to be in the  
bones or deep muscles.—  
Chilly all day, particularly in the  
morning.—  
Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Dull aching pain in lumbar  
and sacral region, which came on <sup>to</sup> about  
about 3. A.M. Also similar pains <sup>of</sup> ~~gl~~  
(deep seated) in upper and lower  
extremities, and joints generally.—  
Emission of semen without erection.—

Yellowish white fur on tongue. -  
Sensation of something wanting in  
epigastric region. - ~~are not much~~  
All the pains are much aggravated by  
warmth of bed, and are ~~worse~~after  
midnight. - ~~during the day~~  
The pains spoken of above continued

during the day but were not as severe.  
In evening eyes felt quite sore, and  
as if there was some foreign substance  
irritating the conjunctiva. - ~~in~~

Dec. 2<sup>o</sup>. Very restless during the night  
particularly towards morning. -

Rheumatic pains in bones and joints of  
extremities, and in the back as the night  
previous. - ~~dull and stupid, for some~~

Also pain in bowels towards morning. -

Headache of a dull aching character.

in the occipital region, extending occasionally to ~~the~~ frontis. -  
At night eyes quite sore, not much pain but merely soreness, with sensitiveness to light and lacrymation. -  
Slight chills during the day. -  
Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> Awoke about 3 or 4 A. M. ~~the~~ with severe pains in both upper extremities, seemed to be deep seated in the muscles. - ~~the~~ awoke with the pains are also most severe, in left arm and fore arm, and in calves of both legs. - ~~pronounced a dull~~ General restlessness, with chills in morning after breakfast. - Rather dull and stupid, for some days: with disinclination to the conversation. - ~~elsewhere saw a~~

This was remarked by my friends  
who knew nothing of my taking ~~the~~  
medicine.-

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Rheumatic pains in extremities  
as heretofore, but less severe.-

Soreness of the eyes at night. - ~~yellow~~

Dec. 5. Symptoms similar to those  
experienced yesterday. - ~~weak~~

Eyes quite sore at night. - ~~yellow~~

Dec. 6. About 4. A.M. awoke with  
pain of a Rheumatic character in ~~the~~  
extremities. - ~~all day long~~

After breakfast experienced a dull  
aching pain in head in region of  
occiput, which increased in severity  
as the day advanced. -

At 10 o'clock A.M. I went to the  
Penn. Hospital, where I saw a

number of severe wounds.-

I am not usually much effected by the sight of wounds: - ~~but~~ but to-day ~~that~~ on something else caused some very unpleasant sensations, which were as follows:-

My friend remarked that I was very pale; I became very weak; accompanied with nausea, and trembling of lower extremities:-

These continued some ten minutes but disappeared on going into the open air.-

Head-ache continued to increase in severity until after dinner; when it was much relieved.-

But about 4 P.M. the pain again returned and was more severe than

before, and seemed to increase in severity, until in the evening, when it became exruciating; accompanied with slight nausea. —

The pain seemed slightly mitigated by shaking the head; but the relief thus obtained was not marked. —

I also felt quite chilly. —

Went to bed about nine o'clock; but the recumbent position did not mitigate the pain at first. — I however succeeded in getting sleep from about  $10\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  A.M. when I awoke with a most intense aching pain in the left frontal region, and extending to right occipital region, and occasionally over the entire head. This continued about one hour and

then left me entirely. — ~~in the same~~  
After which, experienced a dull  
aching pain in the umbilical  
region, which continued until I  
got up. — ~~in arms and legs~~  
Deep seated pains in muscles of  
extremities. — relieved by motion  
after breakfast. had a sharp,  
shooting pain, from right shoulder  
to dorsal vertebra. —

Dec. 8. During the last night the  
pains as heretofore in extremities:  
which come on mostly after midnight. —  
These pains were also continued  
during the day, but in a much  
less degree. — ~~in, my upper &~~  
Palpitation of muscles of abdomen  
which continued about 3 minutes. —

Dull pain in lower lumber and sacral region. -

Dec. 9. During night, pains in extremities much as usual, particularly in ~~in few arms~~ and calves of legs. - Also in elbow and knee joints. - All symptoms of extremities were similar to those experienced before, but were less severe. - ~~all day~~ -

Dec. 10. Early in morning sharp shooting pain in last phalangeal joint of right thumb. -

Have experienced dull pains in muscles of right arm and shoulder; and some of the time, in left arm & lower extremities. -

Dec. 11. Slight pains in extremities during

the night. -

3 P.M. sharp shooting pain in  
calf of right leg. -

6 P.M. sharp pain in right wrist. -

7 ... Dull pain in left thigh. -  
And under scapula of left side. -

7½ P.M. Severe aching pain in left  
elbow. - P.M. Took 50 drops of

Have felt dull pains of a shifting  
character, all day. -

Dec. 19 Symptoms of last night, were  
not prominent; some slight pains  
in muscles of extremities

Hypochondriacal mood all day -  
dull, stupid, but little pain in  
muscles of extremities. -

Dull pain in head in region of  
the occiput. -

9. P.M. Pain in right wrist of a dull character, with great weakness of the wrist. — ~~of a dull~~

Dec. 13. Pain in wrist less severe, but it is still quite weak. — ~~a dull~~

Dec. 14. No symptoms. —

" 15. " "

" 16. — Ten P.M. Took 50 drops of Tincture. —

Dec. 17. During night very restless. — During the day tendency to headache on movement. — particularly on going up stairs. —

Dec. 18. Slight pain in left Hypochondriac region. —

Dec. 20. About 11 A.M. began asking pain in region of occiput. for a few moments. —

very dull and stupid, with intense aversion to study. — *of the head & eyes*  
The pains are mostly of a dull character, but some of them are of a different character, as will be perceived by the record. —

Pains over the whole top of the head, extending back to the occiput, with a general dizziness, and disagreeable pain in the whole head. —

Melancholy and desponding mood. —  
Pains of a shooting character in the front sinuses, extending to the eyes and jaws. — The pain in the eyes is of a pricking character starting from the centre of the eyes, to the angles. —

On the right eye, the pains seem to wind round the eye. —

The following symptoms were obtained  
by Dr. Henry of Montgomery Alabama. &  
were forwarded to Dr. C. Kidhard. from  
whence I obtained them. -

April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1859. I took 30 drops of the tincture.

The first symptoms felt were:

Pains over the whole tops of the head, high  
extending back to the occiput, with  
a general dizziness, and disagreeable pain  
in the whole head. - way between the

Melancholy and desponding mood. -

Pains of a shooting character in the frontal  
sinus, extending to the eyes and jaws. -

The pain in the eyes is of a prickling  
character extending from the centre of  
the eyes, to the angles. - house in motion.

In the right eye. The pains seem to be  
wind round the eye. -

Pain extending from the bridge of the nose to the eye.-

Pains deep in the ball of the left eye, extending from above downwards.-

Paroxysmal pains in the left lower extremity. - which expire themselves

Violent shooting pain in the leg, which comes on in paroxysms. every one is more violent. - extends from the

The pain is half way between the knee and ankle. - in the supin

Pain in hip of left side confining itself to the joint; it at times extends down the outside of the thigh.-

The pain is of a sharp drawing, most character, and much worse in motion.-

Pain in flexor muscles of the right fore arm. - with <sup>ulnar</sup> ~~median~~ flexion of fingers almost

Pain in the little finger and the one next it. -

Pains in left foot and ankle; with spasmodic contraction and drawing pains in the toes. -

Pains in the neck which confine themselves to the upper part of the sterno-clido-mastoïd muscles directly back of the Parotid gland. On the right side pain extends from the last back tooth, up to the temple. -

Short paroxysmal pain in the superior part of the right lung. - disagreeable on taking a long breath it strikes from above downwards. -

The pain in the lung is one of the most prominent symptoms. -

Rumbling and rolling in the abdomen with emission of flatus above & below. -

Periodical pains in the abdomen with  
yellow diarrhoea coming on in the evening.  
Pain in left iliac region. -

Bowels loose but great difficulty in  
discharging anything. -

There seems to be great strength to  
the sphincter muscles. -

Yellow coat on tongue. -

April 5. Take 30 drops of tincture. -

Experienced pain in whole tops of the  
head extending back to the occiput. -

General dizziness and disagreeable  
sensation in the whole head. -

Melancholy and desponding mood. -

Pains of a shooting character extending  
to the eyes and jaw. -

Pain in the eyes is of a prickling char-  
acter, extending from the centre to the angles. -

The pains seem to wind round the right eye. - Pain extending from the bridge of the nose to the eye. -

Deep seated pain in the eye of left side, extending from above downwards.

All these symptoms were felt with more violence than at first. - The entire body

Spasmodic pain extending from the inner condyle of the right arm to the axilla. -plexus yellow.

Smoky appearance before the eyes, with pain above them. -

Total blindness ensued in a very short time after taking the 30 drops, with violent dizziness. - red each

A band like pain, which surrounds the head, with shooting pain in each jaw and parietal bone. -

Pain in left side of head extending from the prominence of the parietal bone, to the mastoid process of the temporal; it is periodical in its nature. Periodical pains in the Pectoral muscles. General symptoms are:

Chilly sensation over the entire body appearing at the same time every day. - disturbing headache.

Eyes and complexion yellow. - Complete prostration of the system with emaciation. - exhausted very easily.

The Dr. remarks, that the remedy was taken for one week, the dose being gradually increased each day. - <sup>Tampon</sup> pains in the lower limbs extending from the thighs to the toes. The pains seem to proceed from the

Mr. Franklin Bigelow aged 24.-  
Sanguine nervous temperament. -  
Took 20 drops of tincture of Bignonia. -  
Eight days after taking it. Experienced  
sensation of heaviness and oppression  
of the head. - if the limbs could not be  
stirred and oppressive pains in the  
fore-head and vertex. - above the knee.  
Very distressing head-ache. -  
Gloomy and indisposed to exertion  
of any kind astreminous muscle of  
Become tired & greatly exhausted very easy. -  
Head-ache comes on after dinner & continues  
till evening. - this doesn't  
At the same time excessive drawing.  
Contracting <sup>temper</sup> pains in the lower limbs to  
extending from the thighs to the toes. -  
The pains seem to proceed from the

bones as well as muscles. -

Excessive crampy pains in the whole right foot. -

During and after a walk the symptoms are all much aggravated. -

It seems as if the limbs could not be made to move another step. -

When the pains are felt above the knee, they are not felt below, and vice versa. -

Excessive drawing and contracting pains in the Gastrocnemius muscle of the left ~~right~~ leg. - Those obtained by the other pains in the limbs all above while sitting, this does not; No position relieves it. -

Drawing & aching pains, which seem to come from the bones. -

Heaviness & feeling of weight in the bowels. -

But little inclination to sleep; when  
it does come on dreams much of  
business &c.

Eyes much inflamed and weak,  
with great flow of tears at intervals.—  
Mr. Bigelow did not record the  
symptoms at first, as they were so  
small he did not think them worth  
noticing, he however concluded that  
those above were not to be trifled with  
and consequently recorded them.  
All which, with those obtained by  
Dr. Henry and myself are  
respectfully submitted.—

Summary

The influence of the mind on the body.

Perfectly submitted

to the Faculty of the

Homoopathic Medical College

of  
Pennsylvania

on the thirtieth day of Jan<sup>o</sup>

one thousand eight hundred and fifty two

by

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Walter Seff to New York